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SUBJ: A. PAUL DANYLUK TRAVEL TO KAZAKHSTAN

DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR FAS GRAIN AND FEED DIVISION

1. A. PAUL DANYLUK, ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, VISITED ALMA ATA AND THE ALL-UNION GRAIN FARMING RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN SHORTANDY NEAR TSELINOGRAD, SEPTEMBER 12-15 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THIS YEAR'S GRAIN HARVESTING SITUATION IN KAZAKHSTAN, AS WELL AS TO OBSERVE HARVESTING OPERATIONS WHICH WERE IN PROGRESS AROUND TSELINOGRAD AT THE TIME OF VISIT. ASSISTANT AGATTACHE MET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE, ACADEMICIAN A. I. BARAYEV; CHIEF OF SEED SELECTION CENTER, V. I. KANDAUROV; DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PRODUCTION, A. V. KRUMIN; AND CHIEF OF LABORATORY ON CROP ROTATION, M. K. SULEYMINOV.

2. FOLLOWING POINTS WERE BROUGHT UP DURING THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS AND FIELD VISIT: THIS YEAR'S WHEAT HARVEST IS EXPECTDJ TO BE GOOD BUT WITH YIELDS SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN IN 1972. ON THE INSTITUTE'S FARM (60,000 HECTARES) WHEAT YIELDS ARE CALCULATED AT ABOUT 15.7 CENTNERS PER HECTARE FOR THE WHEAT HARVESTED THUS FAR. IN GENERAL, SUMMER OF 1973 WAS DESCRIBED AS WARMER AND DRIER THAN LAST YEAR WHICH WAS THE MAIN REASON GIVEN FOR LOWER YIELDS.

3. PLANNED PROCUREMENTS FROM KAZAKHSTAN IN 1973, SET AT ONE  
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BILLION POOD (16.38 MILLION METRIC TONS), WERE EXPECTED TO BE

MET WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY. OVER 16 MILLION TONS OF KAZAKHSTAN GRAIN WERE DELIVERED TO THE STATE IN 1972.

4. WEATHER AND SOIL MOISTURE, ESPECIALLY DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, ARE MOST CRUCIAL IN THE KAZAKH SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION. CONSEQUENTLY ROTATING LAND INTO FALLOW IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AND IMPLEMENTED ONCE EVERY THREE TO FOUR YEARS. FALL PLOWING IS LIMITED TO SHALLOW UNDERCUTTING OF THE STUBBLE, NO DEEPER THAN THREE TO FOUR INCHES, WITHOUT TURNING IT OVER. STRAW, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT NEEDED FOR BEDDING, REMAINS ON THE LAND WHERE IT IS SPREAD DURING THE COMBINING OF THE WINDROWS. THUS THE STRAW AND STANDING STUBBLE PREVENT THE SNOW FROM BEING BLOWN SWAY. SOIL MOISTURE IS SUPPLIED FROM THE MELTING SNOWS FOR THE CRUCIAL ROOTING PERIOD OF THE GRAINS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE.

5. THE INSTITUTE SERVES AS AN ADVISER FOR THE ENTIRE VIRGIN LANDS REGION IN TERMS OF GRAIN SELECTION, FERTILIZER UTILIZATION, AND METHODS OF CULTIVATION. THE INSTITUTE IS ALSO ENGAGED IN PRODUCTION OF WHEAT FOR SEED AND VARIOUS GRASS SEEDS INCLUDING RYE GRASS AND BROOM GRASS.

6. INSTITUTE DIRECTOR BELIEVED THAT OF THE 197.4 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN SOVIETS PLANNED TO PRODUCE IN 1973, AT LEAST 195 MILLION TONS WOULD BE REACHED.  
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